

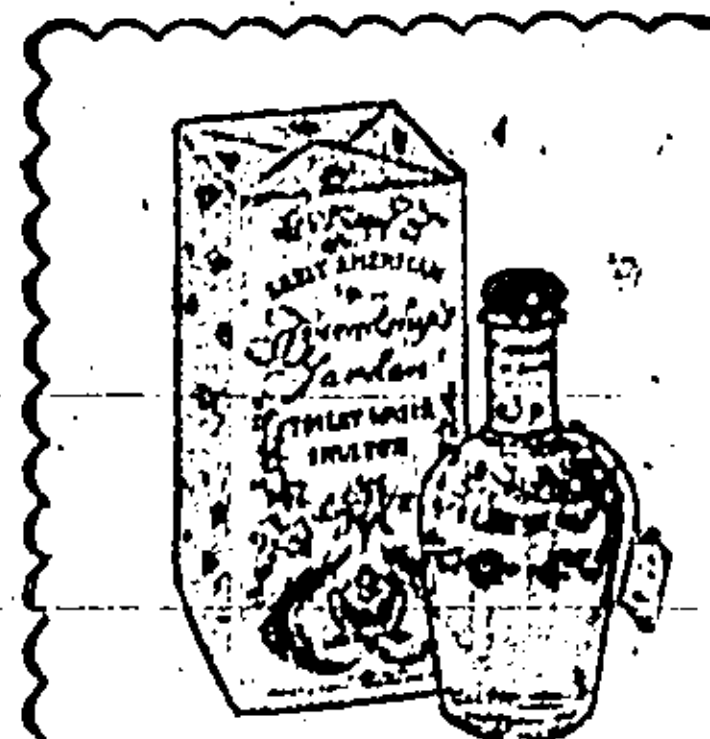
Smugglers Kidnap Patrol

Canton, Feb. 21. Armed smugglers kidnaped a Chinese Government patrol near Kowloon border. It was reported by an Inspector to the Kwangtung Provincial Commission of Food and Supply here today.

According to the report, the patrol was searching for illegal exports of staple food on Feb. 6. When they tried to board a suspicious sampan, they were fired at.

After an exchange of fire two of the patrol were killed, four kidnapped and two turned over to the British police outpost at Pingshan. It is further learned that the Pingshan police station had now turned the two men to the court authorities in the New Territories.

Official sources here revealed today that the Kwangtung Provincial Government had already requested the Chinese Commission of Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong to ask the authorities concerned for the release of the two men and the return of their arms.—K.P.N.



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Not The Colony's Coldest Winter

(By Margaret Bradbury)

More freak cold weather to that of the last four days is to be expected at least over the weekend, according to experts who said yesterday that minimum temperature figures recorded since last Sunday are the lowest since January 1934 when there were nine days during which temperatures fell to 50 degrees and below.

Unusual temperature figures, this week have fallen steadily since Sunday when the minimum temperature recorded was 52.7 degrees, except for a rise of one degree on Thursday.

On Monday 40 degrees were registered. This fell to 47.9 degrees on Tuesday while on Wednesday it had dropped to 40.3 degrees. On Thursday 40.4 degrees were registered but yesterday the figures had fallen again to 41.0 degrees.

I was told: "There have been much lower temperatures recorded here but not for such a prolonged spell during the last thirteen years. The lowest ever recorded was in January 1933 when 32 degrees were registered and there was a momentary frost. In December 1934 there were five days under 50 degrees."

Dullest January

Explaining this week's cold spell as being caused by a very intensified winter condition more permanent than usual, a weather expert said: "An intense and very cold anti-cyclone has centred over Southern Siberia and extended all over China and Japan right down to within a short distance of Singapore. It produced at least five days of very strong monsoon gales which have also spread south to Saigon. The whole of the China Sea has been extremely rough and stormy over the period. These winds have gradually lowered the temperature and as long as this condition lasts we shall get colder and colder days. Normally, one of these outbreaks dies out after three to four days and as the warm air comes in temperatures rise."

According to Royal Observatory records, last month was the dullest January the Colony has known since 1912. Only 66 hours of sunshine were registered while the monthly normal figure is 145. The rainfall was also well above average at 2.60 inches. Maximum temperature was 75 degrees on the 7th and the minimum—on the 27th—was 48.5 degrees.

Peculiarities

Last year also had its climatic peculiarities and weather history was made in Hong Kong by the fact that there was no rain at all in April.

A Royal Observatory official said: "During the first four days of 1947 the rainfall was deficient and with April completely dry the drought assumed serious proportions. However, above-average rainfall has since set in."

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ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., and from 9 to 11 a.m., also on 9.62 megacycles.

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1.20 p.m.—An Hour with

1.30 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Glen Miller and His

6.45 p.m.—Studio Local News "Round

6.55 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.

7.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News

7.15 p.m.—London Relay: "ITMA."

7.45 p.m.—Hans Parrot: Ignace Priest-

7.55 p.m.—Vaughan Williams: "Serenade

8.00 p.m.—Music: "Singers and the

8.05 p.m.—Orchestra conducted by Sir

8.10 p.m.—Tchaikovsky: "Hamlet"

8.15 p.m.—Overture: London Philharmonic

8.20 p.m.—London Transcription: "The

8.25 p.m.—"The Count of Monte Cristo"

8.30 p.m.—"Episodes II, "Jenny Holm"

8.35 p.m.—London Relay: News.

8.40 p.m.—Albert Bandier and His

8.45 p.m.—ZBW "Proms"—No. 57.

8.50 p.m.—Improvise—Overture.

8.55 p.m.—Symphony—Orchestra

9.00 p.m.—Variations by Theme by

9.05 p.m.—Phyll. Sym. Orchestra of

9.10 p.m.—Duke Ellington: "Apprentice

9.15 p.m.—Orchestra of New York.

9.20 p.m.—Concerto No. 1 in B

9.25 p.m.—Flat Minor, Brahms (Hil-

9.30 p.m.—with London Symphony

9.35 p.m.—Studio: Sunday Evening

9.40 p.m.—Conducted by the Rev. T.

9.45 p.m.—Close Down.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

11.05 p.m.—Close Down.

11.10 p.m.—Close Down.

Warning Against Pacifism

Washington, Feb. 21.

The Republican Foreign Affairs

leader, Senator Arthur H.

Vandenberg, today warned

against cutting the armed forces

budget too deeply because

American withdrawal from

world commitments would be

"an open invitation to Soviet

Russia to fill the vacuum."

He urged the Senate to re-

duce President Truman's budget

by \$4,500,000,000 rather than

the House-approved \$6,000,

000,000 slash. He said military

expenditures should be considered

in the light of "other great

possibilities that think only in terms

of force."

He added: "We dare not present

to the world a picture of

Uncle Sam with a ship on each

shoulder and both arms in

slings." He recalled General

Douglas MacArthur's appeal

to Washington: "Send me food

or send me soldiers."

The Senate is virtually cer-

tainly of heeding his warnings

as a large bloc of Republicans

lined up behind most Senate

Democrats to vote for a lesser

cut.—United Press.

Convicted on a charge of lar-

ceney of a coil of timed copper

wire, a piece of ball bearing and

a pair of pliers, the property of

the Admiralty, from H.M.S. Con-

stance, Chin Yan was sentenced

to three months imprisonment by

Mr. H. C. Sheldon, K.C. at Central

prize for the best essays describ-

ing the features of the

film, one for an essay in En-

glish, the other for an essay in

Chinese. The fortunate win-

ners, Miss Margaret Logan of

the Sacred Heart School and

Miss Stella Fung of St. Ste-

phen's Girls' School, have each

received a cheque for \$50.—

REUTERS.

Partition If Area Was "Viable"

London, Feb. 21.

The Jewish Agency today released the text of a

statement presented to the British Govern-

ment on Feb. 13 turning down the final British

attempt to solve the Palestine problem.

The proposals were rejected

on the grounds that they were

incompatible with "the three

basic purposes of the mandate:

immigration, land settlement

and ultimate Statehood."

On immigration the Jewish

memorandum contrasts the

British proposal for immigration

at the rate of 4,000 and the

committee of enquiry's proposal

for the admission of 100,000 a

year.

It also points out that the

continuance of restrictions on

land purchases, as proposed in

the British plan, would virtual-

ly close Galicia and the Negev

desert area to new Jewish set-

tlement.

The constitutional proposals

by which Palestine would be-

come independent as a unitary

state after five years, are con-

demned on the grounds that

this would condemn the Jewish

population to the position of a

permanent minority after

reaching a level of between

700,000 and 800,000.

The Alternatives

The Jewish Agency then sum-

marised three alternative sug-

gestions which had been put

forward before the final British

proposals were made:

1. That Palestine should be

permitted to become "a free

democratic state with a Jewish

majority" following unrestricted

immigration.

2. Or that if the mandatory

regime were continued "the ex-

ecution of the mandate should

be true to its letter and spirit."

3. Or that discussions should

be resumed on the basis of

creating a "viable Jewish state

in an adequate area of Pale-

stine."

The executive undertook to

recommend this partition solu-

tion provided the area were

viable.—REUTERS.

BRITISH SHIP SEARCHED

Batavia, Feb. 21.

The Dutch authorities here

were today searching the 200

ton British ship *Fortuna*, which

was escorted here by a Dutch

destroyer from North Java,

where the captain had protested

against the placing of a Dutch

guard aboard. Another British

ship, the *Empire May Rover*, was

recently twice intercepted in the

same waters, near Cheribon, and

ordered to port by the Dutch

Navy.—REUTERS.

ATOMIC ENERGY PURCHASES

Washington, Feb. 21.

President Truman issued an

executive order today empower-

ing the United States Atomic

Energy Commission to "make

emergency purchases of war

materials abroad" and to im-

port them free of duty.

Although it did not specify

it, the order would enable the

commission to seek imports of

jeopardable materials from any

countries which would permit

their export.—REUTERS.

Cotton For China's Peasants

Washington, Feb. 21.

UNRRA's nine-nation

Central Committee

waited today only a

Chinese Government's

formal guarantee that

its proposed cotton pur-

chase programme would

be used to benefit needy

Chinese peasants, and

not to enrich black mar-

keteters, before approv-

ing it.



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COMMON DEFENCE

Canada and the United States have agreed to continue in time of peace, the close military co-operation which proved its value during the war. The two nations, without entering into a military alliance, of any kind, will pool their military knowledge, share their military facilities and standardise as far as possible their military equipment. The Prime Minister, in Ottawa that these arrangements would in no way interfere with, or take the place of, Commonwealth connections in matters of defence, training and organisation may have been necessary to correct erroneous assumptions which might be drawn abroad, but everyone in the Empire will welcome so common-sense a scheme. It will add to the general security of the whole British Commonwealth and is, at the same time, fully in accord with the United Nations Charter, which recognises the principle of collective self-defence and encourages the creation of regional arrangements which are consistent with the United Nations objectives. The discoveries of modern science mean that the men responsible for the defence of the North American Continent now have a new rampart to watch. As well as looking east and west to the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, they must look north to the polar regions, which have become the crossroads of the world, the shorter route between America and Europe and Asia, Canada is the outer bulwark of the northern rampart, and its defence and the defence of the United States have become inextricably interwoven. When negotiations for the lease by the United States were in progress during the summer of 1940, Mr. Churchill declared, "These two great organisations of the English-speaking democracies, the British Empire and the United States, will have to be somewhat mixed up together." The United States-Canadian military agreement shows that this principle, like the Mississippi, just keeps rolling along.

SIGNING A
SIGNPOST

With the signing of the five Axis satellite treaties in Paris a long and difficult journey which began at Potsdam 18 months ago reaches its official close. But the celebration of 'journey's end' has only been possible by halting a little short of the final goal. The treaty drafts represent the highest common factor of the Great Powers' peace formulae. They are not the complete solution. The future of the Italian colonies has still to be decided; all the treaty provides is that Italy renounce sovereignty over them. A governor must be appointed for Trieste. The freedom of the Danube must be taken up at a future international conference. If the satellite treaties had been more comprehensive they would still have constituted but the lesser half of the journey to the settlement of post-war Europe. The difficulties and delays encountered will be pure time lost if they do not enable the road to the German peace treaty now being charted by the Foreign Ministers' deputies in London to be travelled more speedily and with less friction on the way. These treaties have virtue mainly in so far as they may represent a better chance of real Russian co-operation in peace-making. During the preliminary discussions on them, and at the Paris Conference, proceedings often bore less relation to the drafting of a treaty between Allies united by victory and a defeated foe than to an effort to see to what extent former enemy States could be included in one Power's sphere of influence.

In the process allies were denounced as though they were enemies, and enemies praised as though, through some strange reversal of roles they had been allies all the time. Will this chaffing and chaffing spirit change when next month in Moscow the balance wheel, namely the German treaty, without which complete equilibrium cannot be achieved, is to be forged?

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HONG KONG:— "No Fit
Place For Man Or Beast"

"House rent is exceedingly expensive... when it is necessary to rent a house, of the first class, the rents demanded and paid are enormous."

These words like a description of Hong Kong in the year 1947. Actually, although it is descriptive of this Colony, it is lifted verbatim from a book printed in 1949, by one Henry Charles Sirr, M.A., barrister-at-law, London. Mr. Sirr wrote a book entitled "China and the Chinese," the main theme of which was that Hong Kong is no fit place for man nor beast.

FOR WOMEN

Simple
Lessons In
Massage

Last week I gave you three recipes for home made facial masks, now I am going to give you a simple lesson in massage which you can keep on your dressing table and follow until you have mastered it. All you will need is a rich skin food.

Do not make the common error of thinking that how the cream is rubbed in does not matter. It is the all important factor between correcting wrinkles and encouraging them. One direction is not as good as another as far as your face is concerned. If you rub a cream in the wrong way you pull it out of shape, this is also what happens to your skin if you do not know what you are doing.

The muscles under your forehead, cheek, chin and neck run in various directions and they must be smoothed individually. Otherwise you go against them and that is the best way of producing lines.

The Cheeks

Let's start with the cheeks. Take a generous supply of skin food on the first and middle fingers of each hand. If it is stiff, warm it slightly before using, so as to avoid stretching the skin. Starting at the chin, smooth it in with firm strokes up to the cheekbones and out towards the ears.

Now to deal with the mouth and mustache line. Start at the outside corners of the mouth, and using upward circling movements as far as the nostrils. Do not pull the skin.

For frown lines along the forehead, place the first and middle fingers of the right hand on the bridge of the nose and work with an upward rotary movement up to the hair line.

If you have wrinkles under the eyes place your fingers lightly at the inside corners of the eyebrows and smooth out above the eyes and very gently in underneath towards the nose.

For forehead lines, place the first and middle fingers of each hand close together in the middle of the forehead and move with a small circling movement along the forehead to the temples.

The jaw needs firm massage with the thumb and index finger of both hands. Place the fingers on the jaw line and smooth along the jaw line on each side out and up towards the ears.

For the neck, place the hands at the top just underneath the chin, and smooth down on to the base of the neck and out towards the collar bones. Repeat this treatment once a week at least or as many times as you can.

Queries

And now here are some of my postbag enquiries this week. My hair used always to be fair but now it is darkening, can you give me a natural remedy for stopping this change of colour or I can't want to use rinses or dyes?

Sorry, but I know of no such remedy without the aids you want to avoid. They are quite harmless, you know.

My hair is dry and itchy and I suffer from a dandruff scalp. This is probably the result of my 'permanent wave.' What can I do? Take a course of hot oil hair treatments at your hairdressing shop if possible twice a week or give yourself hot olive oil scalp massages at home as frequently as you can.

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Mr. Sirr did not like Hong Kong—indeed, he goes so far as to say that had he had "but one sincere friend, who would have told us the honest truth."

(By "PAUL PRY")

concerning that charnel-house Hong Kong, not all the wealth of the East would have drawn us thither.

But perhaps more interesting to a 1947 reader are his descriptions and comments about the Colony of 100 years ago, and seeing how apposite they are of conditions today.

Not Pleasant

For instance, take this one:—"It is true that the market prices (for vegetables) are published weekly... but we were never able to purchase provisions in the market, not because we were ever encountered, met with, or hard of any individual that had. The comprador, or head servant, whose business it is to secure provisions, invariably affirms that the bazaar people will not sell at the prices fixed, therefore, unless we were to pay the price demanded or go without, which is not a pleasant alternative after a hard day's work."

And the following might well have come straight from the pen of that indefatigable letter-writer "Fat Justitia" himself:—"...many acts of the Colonial and Home Government... (must appear) to exhibit vacillation and indecision of purpose; and no satisfactory result can be achieved either in our diplomatic, political or commercial intercourse with the Chinese, without the exhibition, on our part, of the utmost firmness. Yet in our diplomatic relations, and Colonial Government, we are wholly deficient in this essential characteristic."

Incapacity

When anything goes wrong, it is traditional to blame the Government, and that is as true to-day as when Mr. Sirr wrote that "much dissatisfaction is naturally engendered in the breasts of a community by unfit men being placed in high and responsible positions, and whose disregard of duty and incapacity for such offices are made manifest without restraint when at a distance from the wholesome check imposed by the home authorities."

The following sounds like a very good description of a senior official in the Government.

The
Underground
In Spain

By

CARL HARTMAN

After more than 10 years in which Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Government has punished political opposition as "military rebellion," the clandestine underground forces continue to fight against his rule, in a conspiratorial atmosphere of false names, false identities and sudden police raids.

An outline of how one clandestine group operates is shown by a copy of a letter from the "Union de Intelectuales Libres (U.I.L.)" to Jose Giral, Prime Minister of the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile.

This document has by now undoubtedly reached the hands of the Franco authorities.

The U.I.L. claims to be an anti-party anti-Franco group, and although its literature closely follows the Communist line, diplomats who have met some of its representatives say it contains spokesmen of other parties, too.

The letter to Giral explains: "Our organization adopts, in general terms, the following system. Each section covers a university district (Spain has 12 universities) and is led by a superior council. Under its direction are local councils in those provincial capitals whose importance requires them. The U.I.L. is divided into the group with a chairman and secretary. The group is divided into sub-groups which contact the chairman or secretary through their chiefs."

Close Watch

"Maximum rigour is practised in the use of pseudonyms and such indispensable measures of security as the avoidance of over-large meetings and extensive acquaintanceships not required by the activities of the organization. No regular afternoon meetings in cafes, no personal acquaintances and no sporadic jumping from level to level. Everything is carefully arranged down to details by every member of the group."

The organization claims to have enrolled 2,000 active members in its two years of work. Its purpose is to unite "all Spaniards in the intellectual professions" who want to overthrow Franco and restore the Republic.

The U.I.L. represents one type of underground activity. Some clandestine organizations have more direct contact with guerrilla groups, and others try to form military cadres and collect arms against the day when they can

governant servant today, whose bluntness had best be preserved with his anonymity. There is a member of the Colonial Government who in the general estimation of the Colonists is one of the few in authority perfectly qualified in every respect to govern, command and enforce respect, possessing extreme courtesy of manner and hospitality of disposition, which has obtained for him the universal esteem of the mercantile body, and of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance."

Wonder how many senior Govt. servants will try to wear that cap!

Faint Prospects

Finally, a description of the war-rich profiteers who seem to be arriving by the shipload, or plane-load, these days:—"The lowest dregs of Native Society flock to the British Settlement in the hope of gain of plunder... there are but faint prospects of any other than a migratory or predatory race being attracted to Hong Kong when their hopes of gain or pilfering vanish, without hesitation or difficulty remove elsewhere."

As some old Frenchman once put it in "Time-worthily manner," plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose!

Shantung: Another Angle
Of The Civil War

After 14 months of UNRRA relief work in China, people of Communist-held southern Shantung are so abysmally lacking in medical supplies, surgical instruments and hospitals that grave malaria epidemics that sweep the region often wipe out whole villages.

Patients have to drag their own beds to the medical wards. And there is only one pair of obstetrical forceps for 15,000-200 persons.

This is the story brought to Shanghai from the Lin area from which UNRRA and CNRRA personnel were evacuated when their lives were endangered by frequent Nationalist air raids, including an attempt on February 6 to bomb an LST carrying medical supplies to the area.

The bombing and strafing raids, the evacuation of civilians from market places, civilian traffic on roads and "anything conspicuous" including civilian hospitals—as far as 100 miles from the front.

Their accounts told the story of the human misery behind the statistical fact that less than two per cent of all UNRRA supplies reaching China have been permitted to reach Communist territory. Most of that two per cent they said, was food which is not critically needed in a virtually self-sufficient region.

Malaria

They told of malarial fevers, bad epidemics of malaria. For example, half the people of a village of 300 persons died. Of the remaining 100 people, only eight survived. It became a ghost village in the ruins.

Also prevalent, they said, is kala-azar of which there are over 400,000 cases. One small area had 8,000 lepers. Another village was completely leprosy.

Hospitals and medical wards are "woefully inadequate" cope with this suffering. UNRRA officers told of hospitals with 10 beds for 50 or 60 patients. Until Madame Sun Yat-sen's China Welfare Fund brought in some equipment there were two patients in the whole area with sufficient instruments. Even the fund's equipment did not include the most basic needed items for operation purposes.

Microscopes are few. The region is "begging for medical books." Most hospitals have no thermometers or scalpels. One hospital in the Lin area had a scalpel which the Japanese left behind. He had sharpened it so often it had become practically useless.

Against the government, the Communist Party especially urges help to the guerrillas and the formation of a "national resistance council" to direct their operations.

Perez' Gestapo

In the Barcelona area, police recently arrested at least 70 alleged members of the "Agrupacion de Fuerzas Armadas de la Republica Española" (grouping of armed forces of the Spanish Republic) usually known from its initials as AFARE. In Terragona a cache of arms, ammunition and dynamite was confiscated.

To fight clandestine groups, the Spanish police has the "police-social" brigade, headed by Alejandro Alvarez Perez. It appears to work largely through former Loyalists who infiltrate the resistance groups and inform the police at an opportune moment.

Francisco Spain was one of the countries whose police signed an agreement with the Gestapo to exchange methods and information. Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler made a visit to Spain during the war. Alvarez Perez was awarded subsequently the Cross of Merit of the Order of the German Eagle—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"This barometer must be out of whack! It says 'fair,' but your game leg hurts and I'm having the car washed today!"

"And I've got cases waiting until I have a knife to operate with," he said.

In the face of these conditions, the evacuees reported, the Communist areas of Shantung, which contain 20 per cent of the province's population of 40,000,000, received 18 per cent of the UNRRA medical supplies sent to Shantung. The rest went to the Nationalist five per cent of the population. Up to December 4, less than 10 tons reached the 15,000-200 people in the Lin area.

Wonderful Work

Agricultural machinery such as generators and tractors are badly needed for rural rehabilitation, they said, but the only items in this category received to date were seven ordinary shovels. Of the 10 cases of car spare parts arriving, six did not contain anything but "junk," wrenches, jacks, and tires. The other 10 contained Chevrolet spare parts—useless for the 15 UNRRA trucks, which were all of Ford make.

With the most primitive instruments Communist doctors and nurses are doing "wonderful work," they continued. They get some drugs from blockade runners—sometimes from Tientsin and sometimes along the coast from Shanghai. There is tremendous earnestness regarding the welfare of the people," they reported. For instance, 120 nurses walked three and a half weeks from Chefoo and Weihaiwei, crossing the Nationalist lines, to get to the Lin area.

What little effective medical assistance there is, however, is complicated by the hospitals' forced evacuation to inconspicuous mountain villages. "Everything conspicuous" is made the target of Communist attacks.

The American "supplies" they have seen mostly so far, the account would suggest, have been captured American-made military equipment. The evacuees said they saw American-made military trucks, howitzers and jeeps. The Communists told them the tanks were being driven by Nationalist prisoners who decided they would rather fight for the Communists.

United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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AVOIDING A MINOR
SUIT

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THE WEATHER'S WORST Snow Again Isolates Northern Towns

His Face Drove Him To Crime

Grand Rapids,
Michigan, Feb. 22.
A boy who was driven
to crime because he
"looked like an ape" is
ready to face life anew
following a plastic sur-
operation here.

He is 16-year-old David
Ruge, who was born with
facial muscles and bones that
gave him a "perpetual scowl"
of a particularly ferocious
nature.

Schoolmates called him "the
Ape Boy" or "Monkey Face."
Soon after he went to work
Ruge sent his employer an ex-
tortion note demanding \$1,250.
He told a magistrate he wanted
the money to finance a facial
operation.

His plea won the Court's
lenience and he was placed on
probation. Numerous offers of
financial help followed, and an
Ohio industrialist promised to
pay for the operation.

But Dr. Ferris Smith, a prom-
inent plastic surgeon, per-
formed it without charge. He
said today: "I am very pleas-
ed up to date." Ruge, he de-
clared, was delighted every
time he saw his face in a mir-
ror.

Heavy Snowstorms Hit America

London, Feb. 21.
Heavy snowfalls were reported today from Bel-
grade as far as to western Canada as the worst
blizzards and gales in a winter of record
severity lashed the British Isles, stopping
buses and planes, delaying trains, blocking
roads and cutting off villages.
The heaviest snowstorm to hit the United States
eastern seaboard in recent years caused the
death of at least 31 persons, forced the closing
of many schools and disrupted industry.

Switzerland, parts of Germany and
France were tonight told to
expect a heavy snowfall with the
danger of avalanches in the Alps.
Here is a word picture of the
weather tonight:
Dover-Fog horns on Britain's
south coast blew without a
break today to warn shipping in
a blinding snowstorm as a north-
easterly gale whipped the seas.
Shipping in the Channel is being
told by radio that navigational
lighted buoys are not working,
or have been dragged from their
positions by ice-floes, upsetting
the marked routes between Brit-
ish and Continental ports and
leaving sunken wrecks and unswept
minefields.

Snow In Cornwall
Falmouth, Cornwall—This
southwestern port, which had
not known snowfall for 55 years,
was snow-bound today for the
second time this winter.

Leeds—A 12-hour snowfall has
covered Yorkshire, isolating many
villages and covering sheep un-
der a deep drift.
New York—The heaviest snow-
fall of the season has grounded
aircraft and delayed trains along

PHOTOGRAPHY MADE SIMPLE

New York, Feb. 22.
A new kind of camera that
delivers a completed photo-
graph in one minute by the
turn of a knob, was announce-
d to the Optical Society of
America, by Mr. Edwin H.
Land, world famous discoverer
of polaroid.
The camera can be carried
by anyone. The picture that
emerges is full finished and
of the same quality as photo-
graphs developed and printed
by dark room processes.—
Associated Press.

Grain Lost
The Automobile Association
said weather throughout England
was the worst of the worst win-
ter in 50 years. Powdery snow
driven by a 30 mph wind piled
drifts six feet deep in places.
Hundreds of sheep were bur-
ied under the snow or suffered
from snowblindness and had to
be destroyed. Unthreshed stacks
of wheat were attacked by flocks
of ravenous crows and farmers
saw their feeding grain rendered
worthless before their eyes.

In Breckley, the County Judge,
Sir Gerald Hurst, told Court law-
yers they could wear overcoats
since "we must abandon some
formality in these times." A
lawyer, Mr. F.R. Lawrence, re-
plied: "Thanks, Your Honour, I
have already taken underground
precautions."

The blizzard was caused by a
depression area which moved
north to Devon and then east to
London. The weather forecas-
t was: "The snow will continue."
—United Press.

Snow In U.S.
New York, Feb. 21.
Plane schedules have been
cancelled and trains delayed
along the whole Atlantic sea-
board from Washington to
Maine by the heaviest snow-
fall of the season.

The fall was unusually heavy
in Washington, where street
traffic in the early part of to-
day was almost at a standstill.
In New York city, the fall had
reached seven inches by early
morning and was expected to
continue for several hours
more. Highway traffic was tied
up and many schools declared
a holiday.—Reuter.

U.N. Held Up
Lake Success, N.Y. Feb. 21.
A snow storm caused post-
ponement of the Security
Council session, which was to
have started this afternoon,
until Monday night. A snow-
storm prevented the arrival of
the delegates.

The meeting was to have
discussed Britain's charge
against Albania of mine-laying
in the Corfu Channel.—Reuter.

Jervis Bay Heroes Toast The King

London, Feb. 22.
There was a breath of the salt sea in the dining
room of a London railway terminus last night
when 21 survivors of the Jervis Bay rose to
toast the King.

And at that moment, remem-
bering the grey wastes of the
North Atlantic on the November
even when the Jervis Bay fought
her epic action the thoughts and
wishes of these seamen were with
the Sovereign in South Africa.
But this has been a memorable
night, commemorating a night
that will live for ever in the sea
story of Britain.

Died Together
At the table, as in the ship, the
Merchant Navy and the Royal
Navy are banded in comradeship.
They fought together, died to-
gether, and now those who remain
dine together.

You may not remember—but
we must always remember. It
was November 5, 1940—Guy
Fawkes. I never saw such a bon-
fire says Fred Billings.
A total of 298 men died, and

Seamen Walk Off Freighter

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.
The United States Immigration
Service is investigating a
disappearance of 12
Chinese seamen from the
British freighter "Empire
Magpie" while in port here.
Officials said that 12 Chinese
leaving one ship is an unusu-
ally large number and an inquiry
was launched to determine if
there was any collusion.

The Empire Magpie arrived
Jan. 16 with a full 40-man
Chinese crew of whom 12 dis-
appeared while the ship was
undergoing repairs. She is
unable to sail short-handed and
Chinese to replace them are
unavailable.

A full British crew was re-
cruited—some coming all the
way from Liverpool. The re-
maining Chinese were sent to
the west coast to join a ship
sailing there for the Far East.
—Associated Press.

FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER

Paris, Feb. 21.
The Foreign Office spokes-
man said here today that nego-
tiations to re-open the Franco-
Spanish border, closed since
Feb. 28, 1946, are not under
way between the French and
Spanish Governments.

A limited agreement was
reached today to allow 28
French railway waggons trapped
in Spain by the closing of
the border to return to France,
but the spokesman said that
this had no political implica-
tions and did not signify any
French move to reopen the
frontier.—Reuter.

Russia Promises To Examine

Washington, Feb. 21.
The Soviet Foreign Minister,
M. Molotov, has assured Gen-
eral W. Bedell-Smith, United
States Ambassador to Moscow,
that Russia will examine the
question of reaching settlement
of her \$11,000,000,000 Lend-
Lease account with the United
States, a State Department
spokesman said today.

He said the United States
had hitherto received no re-
sponse to three notes addressed
to the USSR on the subject in
September, October and De-
cember last, asking for the
opening of negotiations.

General Bedell-Smith also
had received no reply hitherto
to three personal approaches
he made to the Soviet Foreign
Office.

All other countries which
had received Lend-Lease aid
during the war had either
reached or were negotiating
settlement with the United
States.

The spokesman emphasised
that the promise given by M.
Molotov did not necessarily
mean that Russia had promised
to return the Lend-Lease
material in accordance with
the terms of their Lend-Lease
agreement with the United
States.—Reuter.

Briton Who Served In German Army

Venice, Feb. 21.
Colonel Alexander Patterson-Scotland, the Brit-
ish Intelligence Corps officer who startled the
military court trying ex-Field Marshal Kes-
sling by disclosing on Wednesday that he
had served in the German Army, gave new
evidence today.

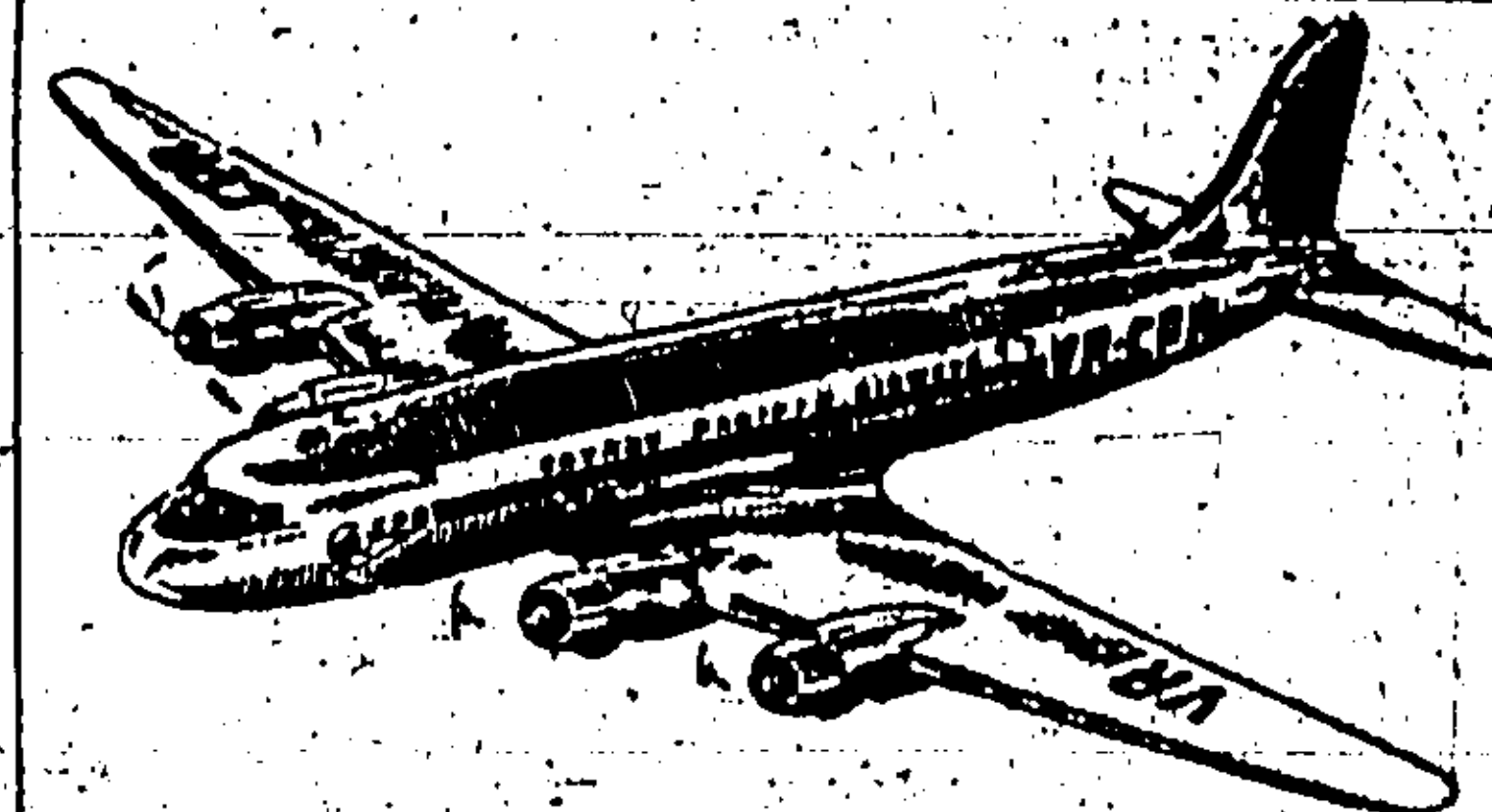
But today the colonel made
no reference to his "Wehr-
macht" experience.

He told the court of de-
cuments on which he interrogated
Kesselring in London last
October. These outlined the
measures which Kesselring or-
dered in the fight against It-
alian partisans including those
willing to work for the Todt
Labour Organisation or willing
to join Mussolini's "neo-
Fascist" Army.

More of these documents will
be put in by the prosecution to-
morrow morning for a half-day
session.

Geral Keller, former legal
adviser to the German armed
forces in Italy, told the court
today that Kesselring's conduct
of the war was "chivalrous."

"Any violation of the laws
and usages of war made Kes-
sling thoroughly angry,"
Keller added that Kesselring,
though he reserved to himself
the right to confirm the death
sentence in Italy, was not the
only authority in Rome on
March 23, 1944. Death sentences,
then, could also be confirmed by
an emergency court martial
which could legally decide
whether the sentence should be
carried out at once without
further confirmation.—Reuter.



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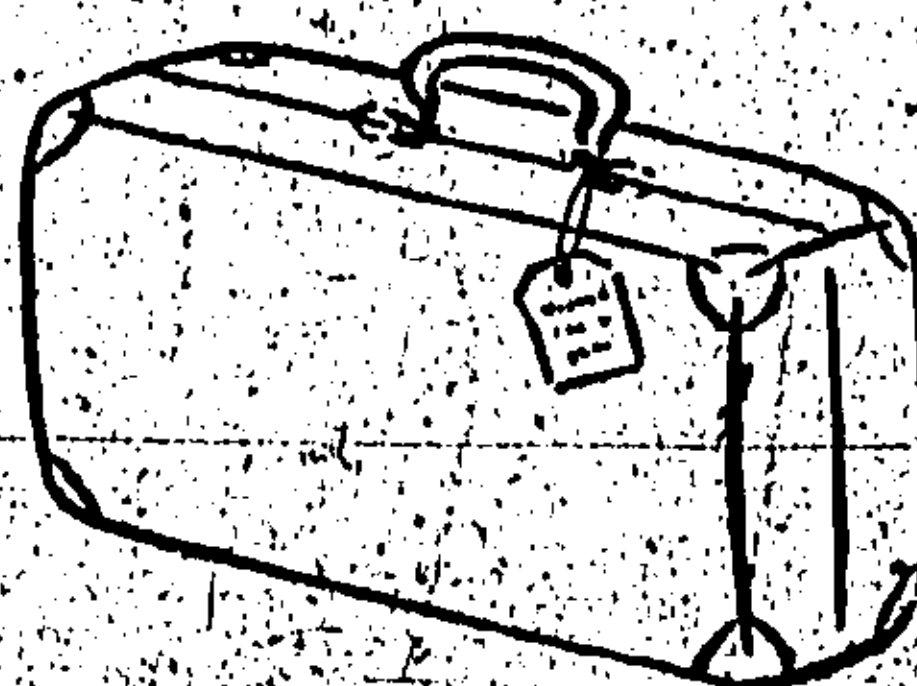
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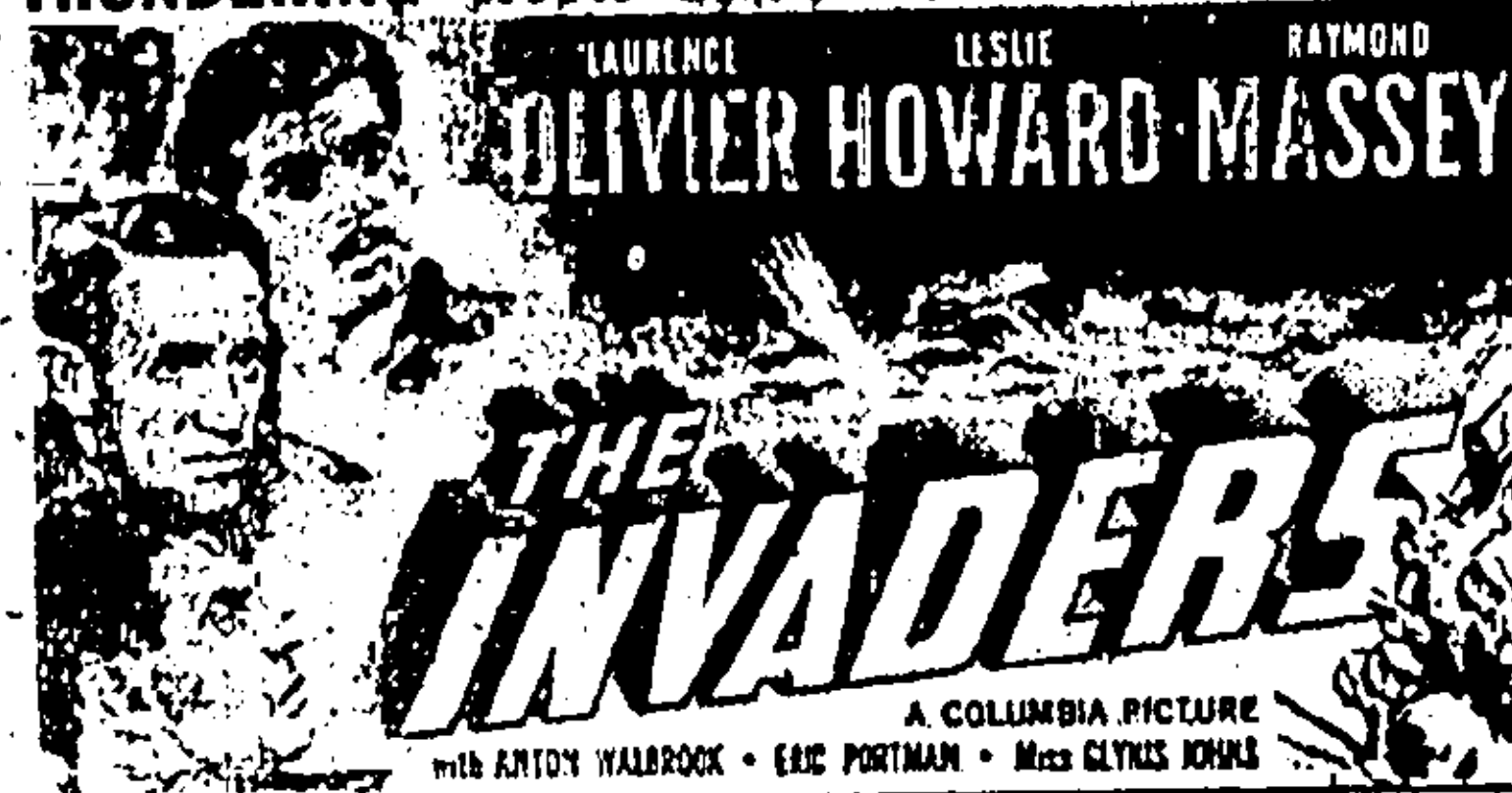


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WATCH FOR OPENING DATES

FORGERS SET UP SHOP IN TRAITORS' PRISON

Paris, Feb. 21.

The French National Police today revealed a discovery inside the collaborators' prison at Fresnes, near Paris, of a regular forgers' den and organisation for getting forged Gestapo documents into the hands of foreign Governments to mislead them about French political and resistance leaders.

Following a raid on the prison 19 prisoners, including 14 Frenchmen who worked for the German military intelligence, and five German intelligence officers, have been charged with being involved in a vast political forgery plot.

Five other persons have been named in the Paris area. Some prison visitors and lawyers of the detained men are said to be involved. The prison raid, seventy police inspectors taking part were warned only one hour ahead of their assignment. They left Paris at midnight in 16 police cars, travelling 800 yards apart.

The prison governor at first thought that it was an attempt to storm the prison by friends of the prisoners. He urgently called for help from the Paris municipal police, who sent some men who narrowly escaped a shooting match with the National Police.

Discrediting The Republic

The prison was surrounded, all telephone lines connecting the prison with the outside world cut and the 70 inspectors who had a list of suspects divided into 24 cells. There they discovered a number of incriminating documents and removed thirty of the men detained at Fresnes to Paris for questioning. Of these, 19 were finally held on new charges of being in possession of documents supplied by a foreign power (Germany) and of forging documents likely to endanger internal security.

The Ministry of the Interior today said that German agents interned at Fresnes had attempted to contact their leaders still at liberty abroad.

In an attempt to discredit the Republic these agents had asked foreign powers to supply them with documents supposed to have been found in German archives and intended to discredit certain French politicians.

According to the police these political leaders included M.

Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, who was chairman of the National Council of Resistance during the latter part of the German occupation, and M. Felix Gouin, former Premier.

Former Gestapo Chief
The police added that they had evidence that some of these forged documents reached the British and the United States embassies and consulates in Paris.

On the day arrested outside the prison, two top Frenchmen, described as having acted as transmission agents for the plotters.

A police statement said that the plotters confessed when faced with overwhelming evidence of their deeds. Sources close to the Ministry of Justice suggested that the main purpose of the plotters seemed to have been to produce evidence likely to be useful at the men's trial.

According to the police the plotters leader supplied the ideas based on his knowledge of French political life, while one of the Germans concerned, a former Gestapo chief, made drafts in an official German and outside help to put these into the official German style and typed.

The typewritten were then smuggled back to Fresnes prison, where a Belgian prisoner added rubber stamps which he made to give the documents an air of authenticity.

The Brains

Finally, the documents were once again smuggled out of prison and agents tried to fasten them on certain embassies or consulates as genuine discoveries from German police archives.

The Interior Ministry described the brains of the organisation as Captain Jean Cavalier, working with the former Gestapo chief.

No Place For Red In A.E.C.

London, Feb. 21.

The War Secretary, Mr. Frederick Bellenger, stood firm today on his Department's refusal to permit a Communist to serve in the Army Educational Corps but he said he had no objection to "using him in a different capacity."

Mr. Charles Smith (Labour) brought up the case of an unnamed Army private, who, Smith said, was refused a transfer to the Educational Corps because of political discrimination.

Captain G.R. Chetwynd (Labour), who served in the Army's Educational Corps, said, "This man might have an undesirable influence" on army men.

Mr. Bellenger explained that recruits for the Educational Corps should be "suitable to teach the form we want, them to. That form is the British way and purpose."—United Press.

A Torrent of Emotions

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NEXT CHANGE

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MORE TROUBLE FOR BRITAIN?

Montreal, Feb. 21.

Unlabeled railway wagons are available all grain shipments to Britain will be cut off within a few days, grain officials said here today.

The situation is so critical at the ports that there is hardly enough grain to fill one ship. Halifax has only 200,000 bushels of grain and two ships are available. The average tramp steamer carries between 300,000 and 600,000 bushels.

Shipping officials predict serious competition in Vancouver, where 15 ships are due next week. No grain awaits them.—Reuter.

Walter Klein, who occupied a

all below him. Klein was one of the chiefs of the German Gestapo in Paris during the war. He returned secretly to France after the German surrender in May, 1945, and was discovered and arrested.

The Belgian collaborator who took an active part in the preparation of the forged documents was named as Van De Weide.—Reuter.

New Challenge To Britain

London, Feb. 21.

Early press reaction to the economic White Paper was mixed. The Liberal "Star" said the White Paper at least showed that Britain made a tremendous achievement in the first 18 months after the war and predicted that the new challenge would be met "with energy."

Lord Beaverbrook's "Evening Standard" took the Government to task for not promising the people more if they made the required effort.

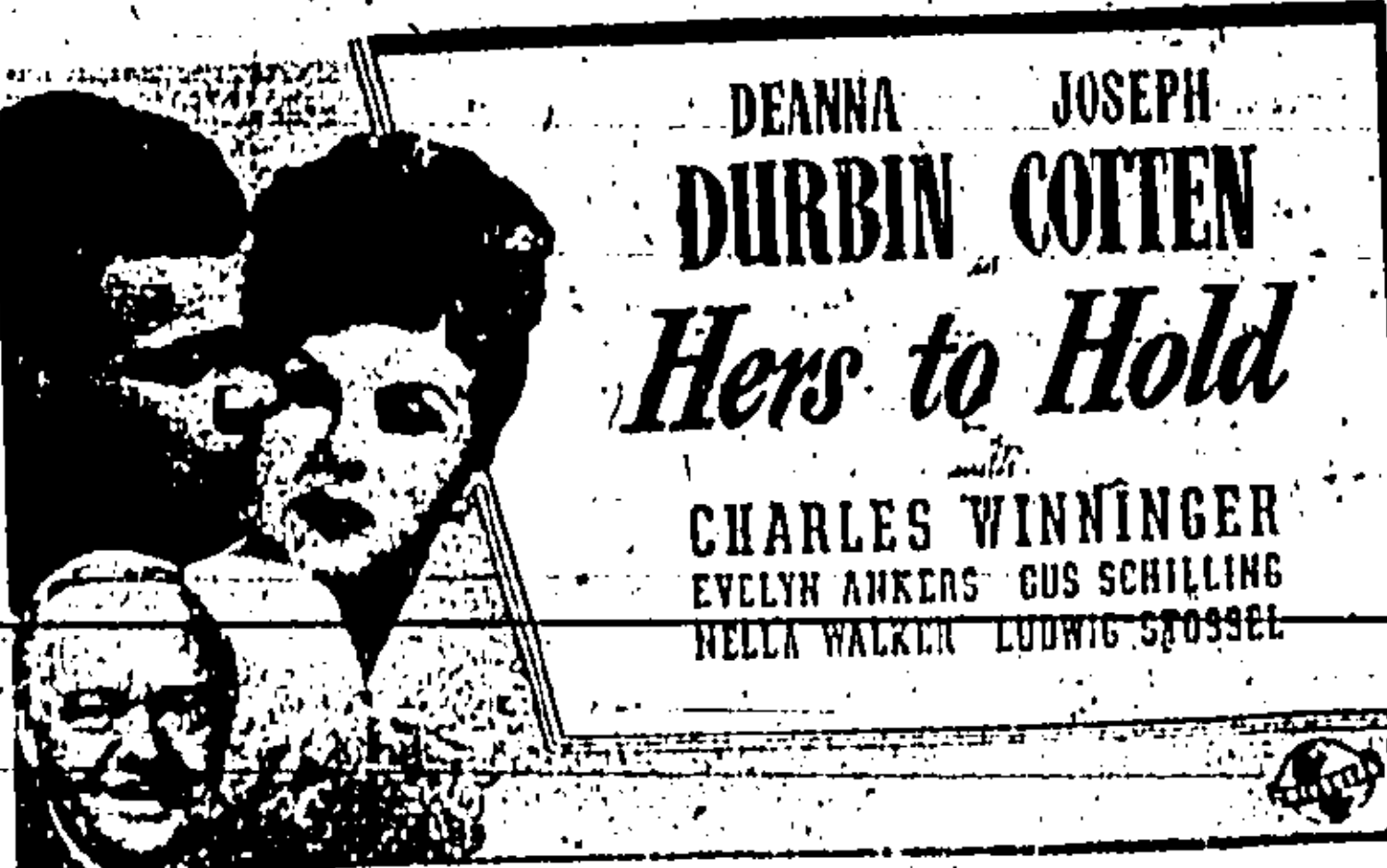
Mr. Attlee, the newspaper said, "offers the British people toll, tears and sweat." The editorial added "blood alone they are spared in these piping days of peace. If the people are to answer this call to further sacrifice, they may fairly demand a more decisive and more inspiring lead than this."

Unofficial European reaction to the White Paper likewise was grim, particularly to the section that suggested that Britain could export no coal to the Continent for two or three years at least.—Associated Press.

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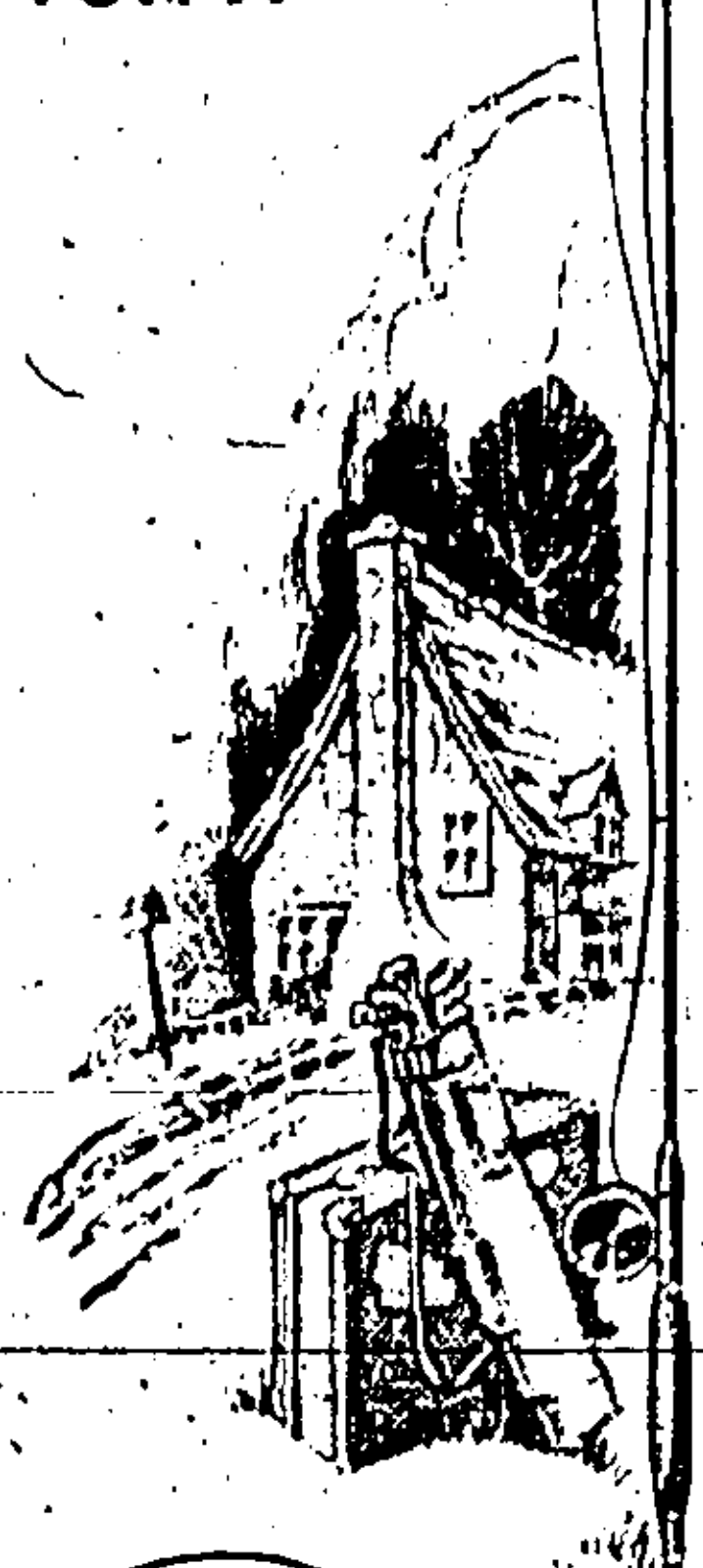
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Amber, Countess of Radclyffe, chateau of Lime Park with an elderly, devoted husband whom she loathed, was bored.

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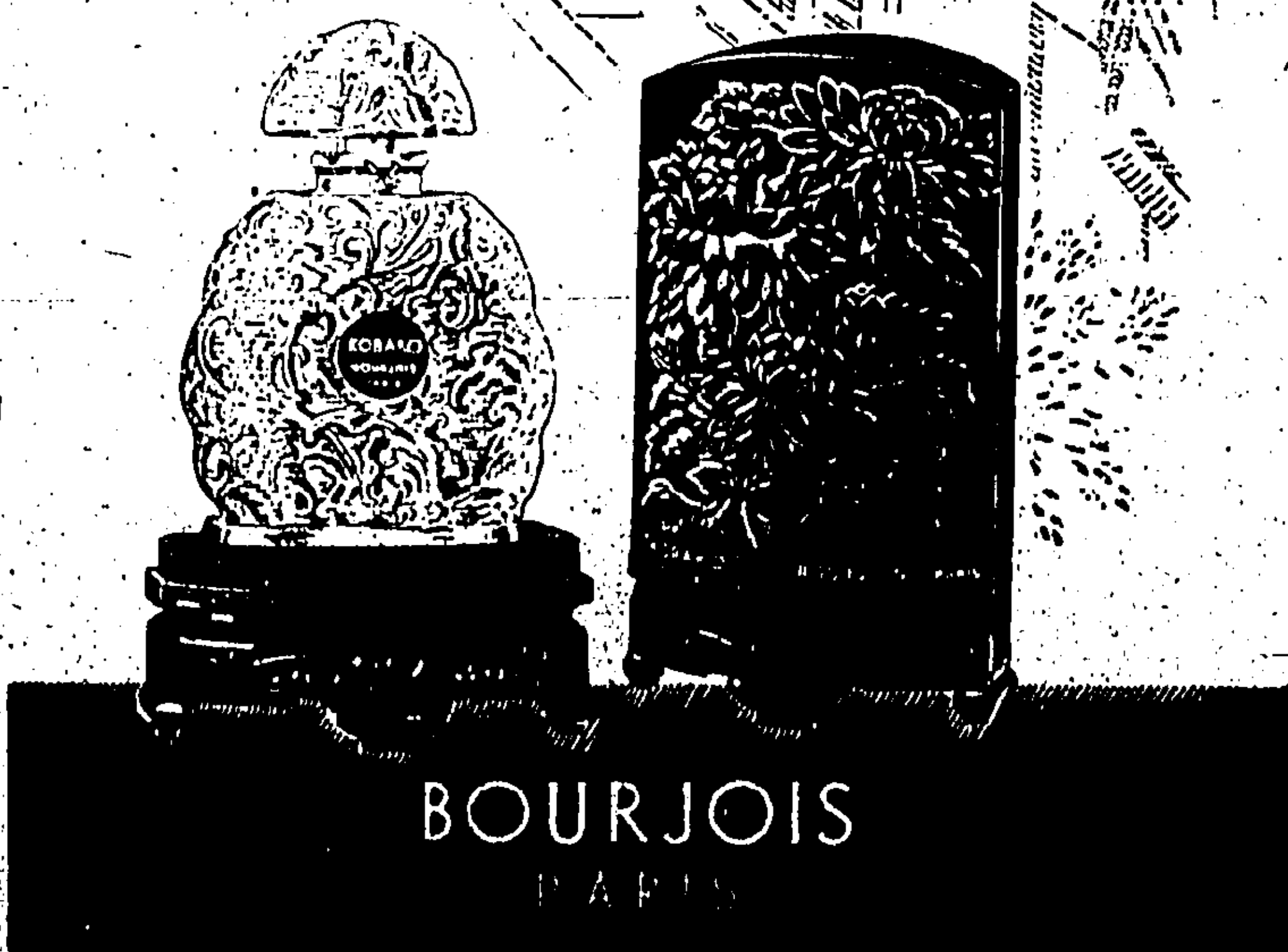


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tracting the youth. They rode together. They walked in the grounds. And then one day by the stream where Amber sat down and indicated a place beside her, Philip told her: "It doesn't seem as though you're my stepmother. I can't make myself believe it. I wonder why?" "Perhaps," suggested Amber lazily, "you don't want to."

He asked her why she had married his father and Amber told him. "He wanted my money. I wanted his title." Presently he started to get to his feet. "I should never have come today," he said. Amber reached out and caught at his wrist, drawing him gently toward her. "Why should you keep away from me, Philip?" she murmured. "This sun through the leaves made a pattern of light and dark on her face and throat. Her lips were moist and her teeth shone white. Her speckled amber eyes held his insistently. "Philip, what are you afraid of? You want to kiss me—why don't you?"

Philip tried to avoid her for a time. But one day at last Amber met him face to face in the garden. She called him. "What do you mean running away from me like that? Didn't you enjoy yourself? You seemed to—last time." Philip was in agony. "Don't! I can't stand it. I'm going out of my head. I've committed a crime." "What?" cried Amber. "Adultery's no crime. It's an amusement. Forget it." But she did nothing to help him forget. By the end of a fortnight he was completely helpless. And daily the mutual hate that was between Amber and her husband deepened till he came to tell her he was going to London—alone. Amber stoned and raved because he would not let her go too. She looked herself in her room, smashed everything she could lay her hands on. A maid brought food to her, cold fowl. Amber flung it across the room and crashed the dishes on the floor. There was quiet for a time. Then a scream and a pounding on the door. It was Jennifer, Philip's wife. "It's Philip. He's dying."

Amber rushed to Philip's apartment. He lay writhing and contorted. "I've been poisoned," he told her. And on a sudden Amber knew that Radclyffe had meant to kill them both. She had been saved because of having thrown away the dinner of which Philip had partaken. Her suspicion became certainty when Philip said as he died: "The summer-house, where they had met often, there's a hollowed eye in that stone mask on the wall. . . . Amber decided to flee. She did not know but what Radclyffe would return, but she still alive, and kill her then. So for Lon-

don on horseback she set off with her maid and four husky footmen. It was at Oxford that they learned that London was on fire, and as they neared, its western parts, while yet miles off, they saw the great moving pall of smoke, and little charred fragments of paper and linen and plaster drifted down upon them. Finally Amber and her five men had to abandon their horses and continue on foot. Her head swam with fatigue after thirteen hours riding. She longed to drop and sleep. But nothing mattered now but to find Radclyffe. To have her revenge. And she wanted to rescue her money from Shadrach Newbold before the Great Fire got it.

At last they came to Radclyffe House near St. Martin's Grand. Amber's exhaustion was miraculously gone. She told Big John to wait while she went to his Lordship's apartments where she found Radclyffe going hastily through drawers and stuffing his pockets with papers.

He took her for a boy in her riding suit. "Is it you?" he asked at last very softly. "Yes. And alive—no ghost, my lord. Philip is dead—but I'm not." He smiled reflectively, cold, contemptuous, strangely sensual. "Yes, I watched you together. In the summer-house thirteen times in all. What you did and I listened to what you said."

"Did you?" snapped Amber. "But I didn't die—and I'm not going to either." Her eyes flared. She raised her whip and lashed it across his face with all her force. Again and again the stick and she screamed. As Radclyffe seized her Big John's cudgel came down on his skull. Radclyffe began to double. Amber took the whip again and lashed at his face ever and over. "Kill him. Kill him." And Big John's cudgel fell again smashing Radclyffe's skull. They rushed from the house and the fire made a funeral pyre for the Earl of Radclyffe.

Amber found—after having gone back to Lime Park for three and a half months—on her return to London that Shadrach Newbold had saved every penny of his despoils from the fire. There was less than half of hers now after Radclyffe's intrusions on her fortune. But she had twenty-eight thousand pounds and even that was enough to make her one of the richest women in England. It was being added to by interest

and she could augment it by renting Lime Park.

She met Almsbury one day. He teased her. "Who d'ye suppose you'll marry next. I was wondering—how d'you think you'll look in stark black by the time you're thirty-five?" Amber looked at him and was shocked. But only at part of his question. "Thirty-five? My God, I'll never be thirty-five!" she thought.

Her appearance at Whitehall created a greater sensation than she had hoped. Because of her little and dark ally Stanhope and the Drawing-Room. To have balls or dances. She met once more Barbara, Lady Castlemaine. But the former favourite had now fallen so far and Amber had risen so high that for the time being she could afford to sink her hate and be merry and carefree.

It was Charles who, when Amber told him she was to bear him a child, suggested she should marry to give it a name. Only one mentioned to her Gerald, Baron Stanhope. Amber was horrified. "Baron?" she cried. "But I'm a countess." Charles shrugged. "Well then, suppose I make him an earl. And so when Amber married the dowdy ally Stanhope, he became Earl of Dorsetshire."

Amber went to live at Almsbury House. For she hoped to be given soon an appointment at Court and to live there. As for her husband, she looked on him as a nuisance. He was a man in truth, but he knew him. It was nearly midnight one night when she returned from Whitehall, tired and eager to get into bed. Almsbury was on the stairs. "I've got a surprise for you," he said. "Guess who's here."

She looked over her shoulder at the doorway where a tall dark-haired man smiled at her. Amber caught her breath. "Bruce?" She saw him start toward her running and then Almsbury's arms went about her as she fainted. "How fine you look!" she whispered. "Handsome than ever!" Their eyes met. "Amber." "Yes?" "Let your mouths come together with sudden devouring violence. When the storm was spent, he looked at her with a lazy, half-amused smile. "Understand you're a countess now. And married again too."

"Oh darling," she said, "we could have had such a happy life together if only you And then she saw the changing expression on his face. He warned her. "The old friend said to you. 'You're married.' He drew a deep breath. "Yes, I'm married." "Do you love her?" she asked. Softly he said: "Yes, I love her." "Damn you Bruce Carlton!" muttered Amber flouncing off the bed. "What? Would you be the only man in England to marry for love?"

But day and night, they were together again. So soon as Bruce was gone in the morning, Amber would sip her chocolate and go to see the children. And she spent her days receiving tradesmen and buying rich scents and lengths of silks and jewellery. She found that her mother-in-law, Lady Stanhope, was living on the credit Amber had with the tradespeople. And her husband was living on her money too.

So, one evening, she gave him a taste of her own door and admitted Bruce. As he put his lips to her neck, he thrilled. "Oh, Bruce—how I love you!" His arms went around her and they stood close together. When he took his mouth from hers she found him staring across the room. There was Gerald, her husband standing just inside the door, his face white and his jaw fallen.

Amber's eyes blazed with sudden fury. "What d'you mean—sneaking in here like this. Spying on me. You damned impudent dog. She hurled a silver patch-box at him. He was all but staggering. "For God's sake, Madame—I had no idea—I didn't know."

And he took his leave by the back staircase like a lackey, with never a thought of challenging Bruce to a duel. It was the end to all relation, even outwardly between Amber and her husband and mother-in-law.

London was hysterical like a girl. National debt was up to the ears. War was now unpopular. Government finances were at low ebb. And there came news that the Dutch were out with twenty-four ships along the coast. Amber reckoned nothing of all this. She had no interest, and only one: Gerald Carlton. Till one day came the cry: "The Dutch have landed. They've taken Sheerness." And Bruce went off with Almsbury to help to stem an invasion. When he returned some days later he was bearded and sunburnt and there was a blood-stained bandage on his arm. But she had him back with her again. For a little while. And now he must be off back to America. They had talked of his taking little Bruce, their first-born. There was much argument and they asked the boy himself who was now six years old. He said he would like to go with his father.

So it came about one day that Amber, her heart very full, stood alone, watching Carlton's ship begin to move away, the sails snapping out white and full in the wind. And on the deck, Carlton and their son Bruce waved a good-bye salute to Amber who stood, lost and forlorn, and gave them one spiritless little wave.

Her lover and her son had been gone a month when Amber was appointed a Lady of the Bedchamber and moved into apartments at Whitehall.

The suite consisted of twelve rooms, six on a floor strung along the river front and adjoining the King's apartments, to which it had access by means of a narrow passage and staircase opening from an alcove in the drawing-room. "And will you look at me now?" thought Amber, who surveyed her new surroundings. "What a long way I've come." She wondered with amusement what Aunt Sarah and Uncle Matt and her seven cousins would think if they could see her—titled, with a coach and eight, and velvet gowns by the score, camels to rival Castlemaine's pearls, bowed to by lords and ladies. There her son was born and as Charles came in softly to see this latest addition to his numerous family he smiled. "God-fish! I swear the little devil looks like me." The baby was christened and Charles acted as godfather. By now, he had broken openly with Castlemaine who had taken to intriguing with the wily George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham.

THE BOOK EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT

Amber's nearest rival, indeed her only one then, was a young girl who lived at the top of Maypole Alley, a narrow street off Drury Lane. Her name was Nell Gwynne. And Charles had seen her at the theatre and had sent for her.

Meanwhile Amber loved being part of the Court. She spent money as if she had inherited the Privy Purse. The fortune which Samuel had left her seemed to her inexhaustible. And anyway, there were a thousand ways to make money at Court—is the King liked you. Once he allowed her to hold a lottery of Crown plate. He leased her 600 acres of Crown land in Lincolnshire for five years at a low figure and she subleased it at a high one. He granted her the profits for a one-year period from all vessels moored in the Pool. She got the money from the sale of underwood in certain coppices in the New Forest. She engaged in two of the Court's most lucrative businesses: begging estates and stock-jobbing. Charles gave her gifts from the Irish taxes and all the foreign ambassadors made her presents which varied in value according to the supposed degree of the influence over the King.

She decided to have her rooms completely redecorated and furnished. What she liked of the objects d'art that Radclyffe had collected she saved; the rest she put up for auction.

She had everything on a scale of prodigious size and grandeur. The huge ante-room's only furnishings were wall hangings of green raw silk, a pair of life-sized black-marble Italian statues, and a battery of gift chests. The drawing-room, seventy-five feet long by twenty-five wide, had walls hung with black and gold striped silk and pearl embroidered rugs were scattered over the floor. The furniture was coated thickly with gold-leaf—and the cushions were covered with velvet. And her bedroom cost Amber more than all the rest of the apartment together. The entire room, floor to ceiling, was lined with mirrors brought from Venice. The floor was laid with black Genoese marble. On the ceiling an artist named Streeter had depicted the loves of Jupiter. The bed, an immense four-poster structure with a massive tester, was covered with beaten silver; each chair was cushioned in scarlet. The wall hangings were silver-embroidered surravelvet. And sunk flush with the wall was an intimate portrait of Amber painted by Peter Lely.

The room represented to her everything she had ever believed she wanted from life; and all she had got. It was her symbol of success.

But it was not enough, now she had it, to make her happy. She was never able to make herself forget Bruce Carlton. He would not leave her mind, no matter what she was doing. When Almsbury visited her she asked eagerly for news of him. But he had none. She opened her heart to Almsbury and told him she had never truly loved another man but Bruce. And Almsbury answered her: "You're in love with three of us, the King, Bruce and me. And each one of us, I think, loves you. But you won't get any happiness from any of it because you want more than we are willing to give."

And now it was that Amber began to take a hand in the politics and intrigues of the Court. There was Arlington, bitter enemy of her Lord Buckingham. And because of Buckingham's temporary alliance with Lady Castlemaine, Amber threw in her lot with Arlington who sought her influence with the King.

And in turn there was Buckingham, who had been proscribed, arraigned, and released back into favour once more. And because of Arlington and Buckingham's mutual hatred of the Duke of Clarendon, the Chancellor, there was a truce between them. There was Clifford and Ashley and Lauderdale and because of the initial letters of those five, when they replaced Clarendon's government, they called it the Cabal.

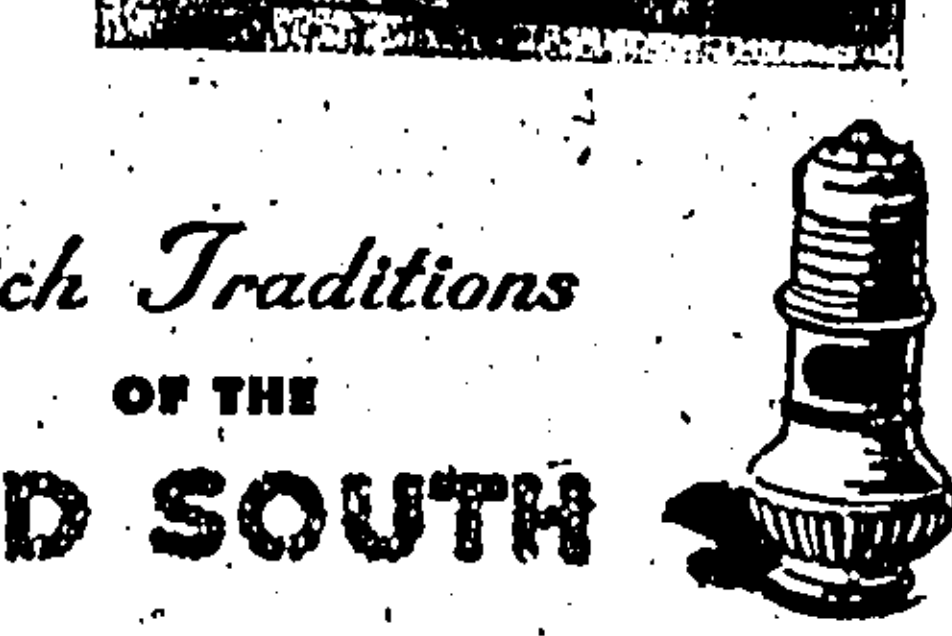
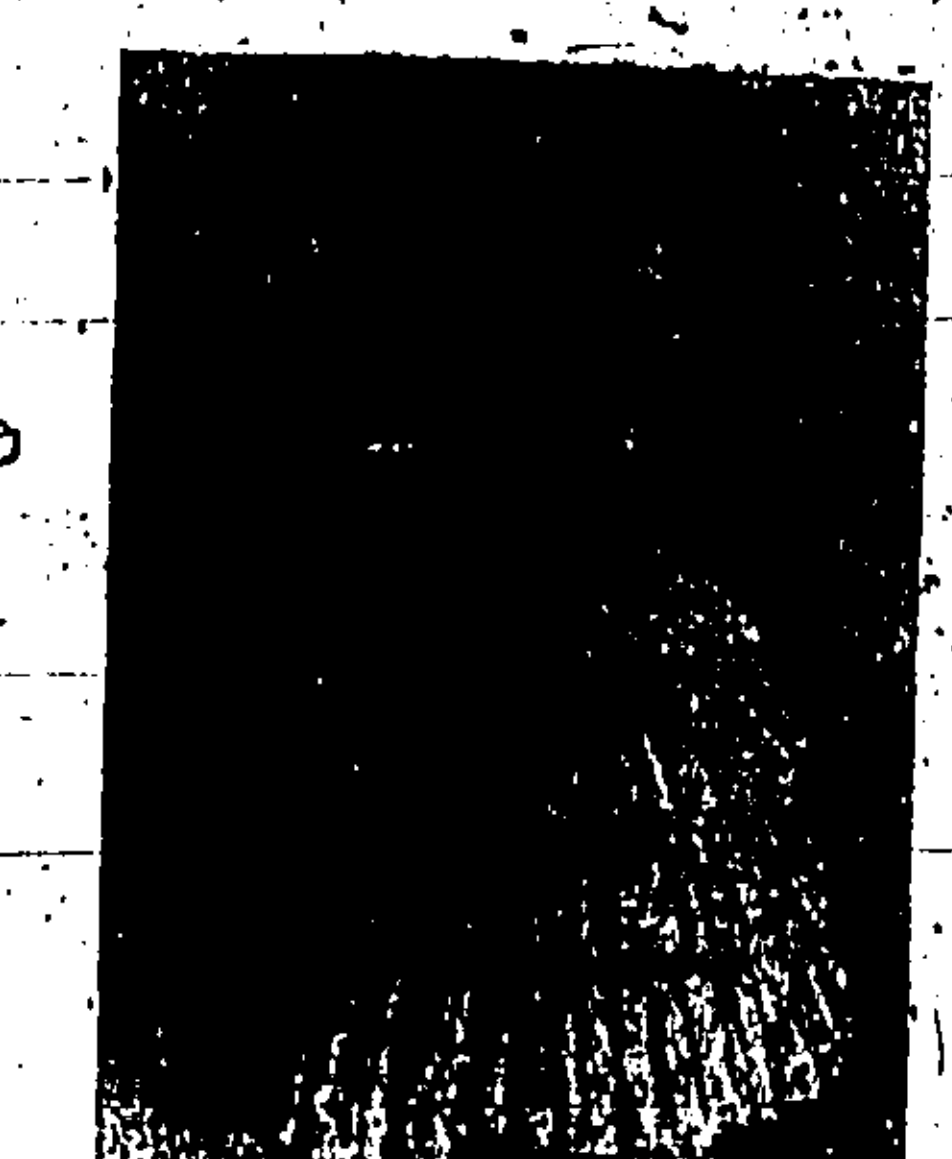
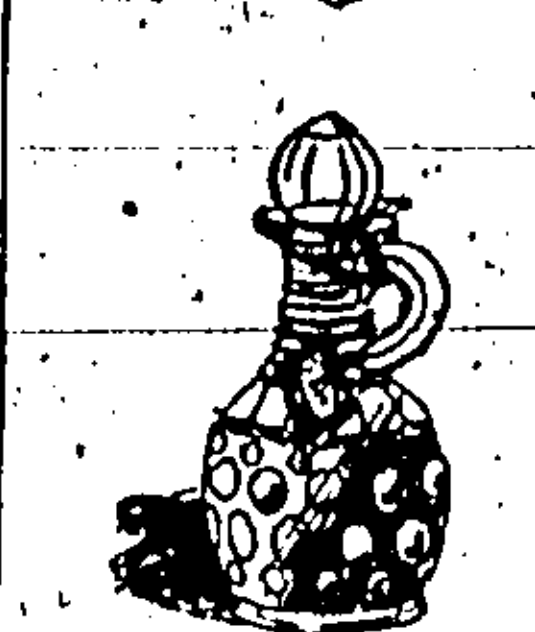
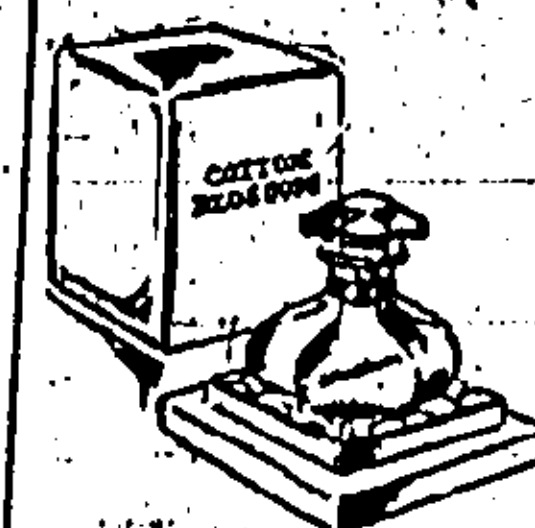
It was Buckingham who told Amber first that Castlemaine was finished so far as the King was concerned. "It leaves a place wide open for some clever woman to step into," he hinted to her. And then enrolled her as an ally in his intrigues. But Amber had not come so far as she had done without will of her own. She knew the Duke of Buckingham's complete egotism and so she merely pretended to be his friend, while keeping her self on the right side of Arlington in case she might, over need his services. It had been the Earl of Rochester who had said that the three businesses of the age were politics, women, and drinking—and the first two at least were never quite separate.

"Old Rowley" said Buckingham to her one day, "has been governing by a woman since he first took suck from his wet-nurse. If you will be guided by me, I think we might go near to moulding England to our own design."

But Amber had no design for moulding England and she wished to invent one. Politics, national or international, did not concern her except as they affected her personal wealth and ambition.

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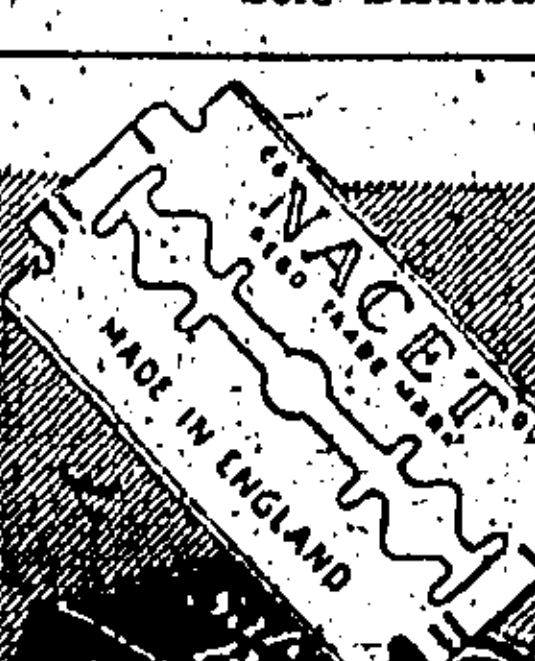
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King Opens Parliament In Capetown

Capetown, Feb. 21.

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After a drive through crowded streets the King and Queen arrived at Parliament House to the accompaniment of a salute of guns.

His Majesty was dressed in the tropical uniform of Admiral of the Fleet with ceremonial sword. The Queen wore white.

The King's speech was simple but impressive. "This is the first occasion," said His Majesty, "on which I have been able to open a session of Parliament in any of my Dominions. I welcome the opportunity of doing so."

The King paid tribute to the Union's war effort saying that it had brought him great comfort in a period of trial. "You are now dealing with the problems of peace," he continued, "a peace which must be based on the principles of freedom and justice. It is to secure for that there is a call for courage, goodwill, and the effective cooperation of all

who desire the welfare of humanity."

"To that end" declared His Majesty, "my Government has sought to work in close consultation with other members of my Commonwealth in matters of common concern."

"It will be the constant aim of my Ministers to promote the happiness and prosperity of my peoples in the Union and to maintain the cordial relations which it enjoys with the members of my Commonwealth and with other nations."

At the conclusion of his speech, the King read the opening sentence in Afrikaans, then asked that the entire speech be read in that language.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret watched the proceedings from a balcony. The Royal Family were due to board their train, which will stop for the night at a vineyard about 60 miles from Capetown. Associated Press.

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Day Of Fine Racing

The weather clerk smiled approvingly on the sport of kings yesterday and ordered the sun to shine for the first time in seven days, as the second extra race meeting was held at the Valley with a large attendance of turf fans to witness a day of fine racing. The standard of racing was of the best, with most of the events keenly contested, and there was more than one close finish.

The day was marred by an unfortunate mishap in the fourth race when Morning Express, after leading up to the public stand, stumbled and broke its left fore leg. It had to be shot on the spot. Its rider, R.C.K. Chui, who was thrown to the ground, was unhurt.

It was on the whole a day for favourites and second favourites though in the third race a serious upset was caused by V.J. Day, who was comparatively ignored, but took the lead in the last stretch and wrested victory from the hot favourite, Kim.

Murray Handicap
1st Race (about 1 mile 171 yards). For Hong Kong Services Race Club Ponies, Winner \$1,500; Second \$500; Third \$250. (1st official).

Jackie was leading in the initial stage, with Mayfair second, and the position was undecided until round the bend when they fell behind. Nigger then surprised its backers by shooting past Mayfair and Jackie, the hot favourite, and passed the grandstand and came in winner by 3 1/4 of a length. 1st Nigger (A.R. Denholm); 2nd Mayfair (H.M.R. Hodgman); 3rd Jackie (C.L. Gregory).

Time: 2:19.5. Betting: 1st \$1.50; 2nd \$0.30; 3rd \$0.50.

Betting

Winner	Place
Jackie	1.350
Mayfair	0.914
Nigger	0.600
Murray	0.400
Residual	0.300
Tony	0.250
Prince	0.140
Duke	0.037

Rosehill Stakes (1)
2nd Race (1 mile). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1947, whether starters or not. Winner \$1,500; second \$500; third \$250.

This was from the start a favourite's race, with Shamoon the hot favourite leading, nearly all the way, though once it was overtaken by Crown Witness who was a keen contender. It came in winner by a comfortable four lengths.

1st Shamoon (A. Ostroumoff); 2nd Crown Witness (A. C. Ching); 3rd Kelly (H. M. R. Hodgman). Time: 1:55.

Also ran: Golden Wheel (L.S. Muir); H.P. Polio (S.L. Yuen); Jinx (C.L. Gregory); and National Conqueror (R.K.C. Chui). Win: \$6.40.

Places: 1st \$5.00; 2nd \$7.50; 3rd \$9.30.

Betting

Winner	Place
Shamoon	7.330
Crown Witness	1.121
Hol Polio	0.901
Jinx	0.449
National Congress	0.323
Kelly	0.250
Happy Season	0.201
Golden Wheel	0.080

Callope Handicap (1)
3rd Race (6 furlongs). For Australian Ponies "B" Class. Winner \$1,500; second \$500; third \$250.

Kim, the hot favourite, was a let-down in this event, and was beaten by Hurricane and White Dragon, the second and third favourites in the betting, though the latter was a keen contender, and the finish was a close one. V.J. Day, the winner, took the lead from the bend and recorded its comparatively few backers with a winner dividend of \$87.30, the biggest of the day.

1st V.J. Day (H.M.R. Hodgman); 2nd Hurricane (A. Ostroumoff); 3rd White Dragon (P.S. Francis). Time: 1:20.

Also ran: Conquer (M.M. Boycott); Lightning (P.S. Francis); Lucky Strike (J.C. Newman); Thunderbolt (R.K.C. Chui). Win: \$87.30; 1st \$5.00; 2nd \$14.50; 3rd \$17.70.

Betting

Winner	Place
V.J. Day	10.693
Hurricane	3.555
White Dragon	1.121
Hol Polio	0.901
Jinx	0.449
National Congress	0.323
Kelly	0.250
Happy Season	0.201
Golden Wheel	0.080

Callope Handicap (2)
4th Race (6 furlongs). For Australian Ponies "B" Class. Winner \$1,500; second \$500; third \$250.

Spangish Onion, the hot favourite, looked like letting its backers down, but it shot past Avalon, the second favourite, who had been leading most of the way, and won by a bare half length. All the favourites put up a most creditable performance in this event, and it was a close finish.

1st Spangish Onion (D. Black); 2nd Avalon (M. M. Boycott); 3rd Wedgwood (M. M. Boycott). Time: 1:19.4/5.

Also ran: Fat Choy (C.L. Gregory); Hurricane (A. Ostroumoff); Masterpiece (A. C. Ching); Pencock (P.S. Francis); and Rose Emma (A. Ostroumoff). Win: \$13.00.

Places: 1st \$5.00; 2nd \$5.00; 3rd \$5.00.

Betting

Winner	Place
Spangish Onion	1.007
Avalon	1.410
Wedgwood	0.917
Happy Season	0.607
Golden Wheel	0.100

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First Race
1st No. 2619 \$4,267
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3rd "940" 669
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1st No. 2447 \$4,872
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3rd "3908" 696
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1st No. 33139 \$37,037
2nd "36838" 10,582
3rd "15892" 5,291
Unplaced Ponies Nos. 40328, 14147, 50252, 47169 & 46796 (\$300 each).

Rosehill Stakes (3)
7th Race (1 mile). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1947, whether starters or not. Winner \$1,500; second \$500; third \$250.

Shanghai Beauty's victory in this race came as a surprise for after R.K.C. Chui's accident in the 4th race, backers were a bit timid. The race started off with Burge leading, Hostile Witness second and Canary third, Nearing to the end. Shanghai Beauty took the lead and this she maintained to the end. Speedway became a decided menace near the winning post and was behind only by a length.

1st Shanghai Beauty (R. K. C. Chui); 2nd Speedway (P. S. Francis); 3rd Canary (C. L. Gregory). Time: 1:52.2/5.

Also ran: Blackie (M. M. Boycott); Blue Peter (H.M.R. Hodgman); Burge (A. Ostroumoff); Hostile Witness (A.C. Ching); Jadehorn (M. Rowlands); and Totie (S.L. Yuen). Win: \$50.70.

Places: 1st \$8.10; 2nd \$7.00; 3rd \$6.10.

Betting

Winner	Place
Canary	5.889
Burge	5.010
Speedway	3.501
Shanghai Beauty	1.431
Blue Peter	0.884
Blackie	0.310
Jadehorn	0.168
Hostile Witness	0.138
Totie	0.080

Callope Handicap (3)
8th Race (6 furlongs). For Australian Ponies "B" Class. Winner \$1,500; second \$500; third \$250.

The hot favourite, Elmer, looked like letting down its backers until the very last when, up to the grandstand, she suddenly shot past Red Fox, who had been leading all the way, and won by two lengths. It was a good race in which all contenders put up a creditable performance.

1st Elmer (H.M.R. Hodgman); 2nd Red Fox (C.L. Gregory); 3rd Argus (L.S. Yuen). Time: 1:20.3/5.

Also ran: Emerald (S.L. Yuen); Happy Valley (H. M. R. Hodgman); Kingfisher (M. Rowlands); Miami Beauty (P.S. Francis); and Midnight Express (D.G. Woot).

Win: \$11.70.

Betting

Winner	Place
Elmer	0.816
Red Fox	0.897
Miami Beauty	0.884
Kingfisher	0.308
Happy Valley	0.160
Midnight Express	0.080
Emerald	0.040

Two Sing Tao Teams Badly Shaken

The Sing Tao Senior and Junior teams were badly shaken in their Shield ties against 45 R.M. Cdo. and Navy respectively at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, when they were held to a draw in the Semi Final stages of the Challenge Shield Competition. The Junior team, after leading for most of the time, were forced to share six goals with Navy after a splendid recovery by the sailors in the last quarter of an hour of normal time.

Sing Tao Seniors were lucky to live to fight another day, for although they were never in arrears, 45 Cdo. missed many good scoring opportunities, particularly in the last moments of the 90 minutes, when Dear, the Commando left back, who was playing an excellent game, sent in a good drive which hit the crossbar with the goalie well beaten.

Sing Tao v 45 R.M. Cdo.

(By Bendigian)

In a fast and thrilling Senior Challenge Shield semi-final at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, which necessitated the playing of extra time, Sing Tao were definitely fortunate to leave the field sharing four goals with 45 R.M. Cdo.

Looking back on the game, it is indeed a pity that 45 R.M. Cdo. were not able to record a victory, for if over a team deserved to win, they did yesterday. Sing Tao were completely outclassed and made to look second-rate against a team which played tip-top football in red cap-tie spirit.

Taylor, the Cdo. goalie, played a grand game and was safe in his handling of the ball. The only mistake he made (if it can be called a mistake) was his failure to leave his charge and tackle Cheung Kam-hoi when the latter broke through to open the scoring for Sing Tao.

Burnage, the centre, the full backs, were in magnificent form. Their positioning and understanding was perfect and they cleared their lines with powerful kicks.

Hampson, Farrington and Nicholson in the defence line were more than a match for the Chinese forwards and nullified all efforts of the latter to combine effectively. At the same time, they kept their own forwards continuously on the move, with long sweeping passes.

Goldthorpe, the centre forward, was enterprising and led his line well. He was ably supported by Diddott and Reynolds, who were full of dash and vigour, while the wingers, Neals and Mead, were much too speedy and resourceful for the Sing Tao defenders, who were given the most hectic afternoon they have had since that memorable match when Sing Tao lost their unbeaten record to 1/5.

Sing Tao were never allowed to get down to any constructive football, with the result that they had to take a back seat for most of the game.

The only players who played true to form were Yu Yiu-tak, galloping down the right flank, and Hui Keng-sing, centre half. Tam Keng-puk, Fung Kwan-sing, and Lau Chung-sang tried hard, but they were too well marked to be dangerous, and Ho Yin-fun were overshadowed by the brilliance of the 45 Cdo. defence and were seldom able to indulge in their usual light, winning sprint down the wing.

Winning the game for Sing Tao was the Chinese against the Sing Tao half, but the defence cleared. Sing Tao almost scored when a hard drive by Fung Kwan-sing struck one of his own forwards, with Taylor unslighted. The ball was going from end to end, but neither goal was endangered.

Sing Tao took the lead when Cheung Kam-hoi, picking up a pass, worked his way through the defence to score which gave Taylor no chance. 45 Cdo. were not upset by this reverse, but continued to play a cool methodical game. Half time arrived with Sing Tao leading by a solitary goal.

On the resumption, the game lived up with 45 Cdo. assuming the offensive and it was not long before they were on level terms.

when Dear, following up a penalty shot which Yu failed to hold, netted with a hard drive. Play continued at a fast pace and Sing Tao took the lead when Lal Shu-wing, who had just pushed out, returned it into the net.

45 Cdo. fought grimly to level the scores and repeatedly swept the goalfield into the net. Sing Tao only to see their punting shot graze the crossbar time after time.

They should have equalised on two occasions, once when the ball struck the right upright and went over the top, and once when they had the ball in their hand and were worried by a Commando forward, stepped back over the goal line. Unfortunately, the referee was not in a position to see exactly what happened.

About five minutes from time, just as the majority of spectators were beginning to leave the ground, Nicholson scored with a glorious ground shot through a crowd of players to even the scores once again.

Excitement ran high as the Commando defenders and forwards swarmed over the Chinese in a sweeping burst and shorts in their feet with a terrific drive which struck the crossbar with Yu beating all the other players. As there was no further chance in the score at the call of time, extra time was ordered.

45 Cdo. enjoyed more of the ball during extra time, which ended in semi-darkness but were unable to get it into the net. Sing Tao carried out two things, a goal and a defence rose to the occasion and foiled all attempts of the Chinese forwards to score. The final whistle came with the score still at two all.

Team: Sing Tao: Yu Yiu-tak, Hui Keng-sing, Tam Keng-puk, Fung Kwan-sing, Lau Chung-sang, Ho Yin-fun, Lal Shu-wing, and Cheung Kam-hoi. 45 R.M. Cdo.: Taylor, Diddott, Reynolds and Broadhead.

London, Feb. 21.
The postponed rugby international match between England and France will be played at Twickenham on Saturday, April 19—Reuter.

Betting

Winner	Place
Elmer	0.816
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Home Football Results

London, Feb. 22.
The following were the results of football matches played today:

First Division

Wanderers	0	Everton	2
Charlton A.	1	Villa	1
Leeds U.	0	Wolves	1
Liverpool	1	Huddersfield	0
Manchester U.	3	Blackpool	0
Middlesbrough	1	Derby C.	0
Preston N.E.	5	Brentford	2
Sheff. Wed.	0	Blackburn R.	1
Stoke C.	3	Arsenal	1
Sheff. U.	1	Portsmouth	1
Grimsby T.	1	Sunderland	1

(postponed owing to frozen grounds)

Second Division

Birmingham C.	0	Chesterfield	0
Burnley	2	Wednesday	0
Southampton	1	Luton	3
Swansea T.	1	M'chester C.	2

The following matches were postponed:

Barnsley	0	Fulham	0
Coventry <th>0</th> <th>Leicester C.</th> <th>0</th>	0	Leicester C.	0
Newport <th>0</th> <th>Bury</th> <th>0</th>	0	Bury	0
Notts Forest <th>0</th> <th>Wymouth A.</th> <th>0</th>	0	Wymouth A.	0
Hull City <th>0</th> <th>West Ham U.</th> <th>0</th>	0	West Ham U.	0
West Brom <th>0</th> <th>Millwall</th> <th>0</th>	0	Millwall	0
Newcastle <th>0</th> <th>Bradford</th> <th>0</th>	0	Bradford	0

Third Division North

Accrington	2	Hartlepool	1
Barrow <th>0</th> <th>Crewe</th> <th>0</th>	0	Crewe	0
Carlisle U. <th>3</th> <th>Gateshead</th> <th>1</th>	3	Gateshead	1
Oldham Athl. <th>3</th> <th>Stockport</th> <th>4</th>	3	Stockport	4
Stockport <th>1</th> <th>Rotherham U.</th> <th>2</th>	1	Rotherham U.	2

The following matches were postponed owing to frozen grounds:

Doncaster R.	0	York C.	0
Halifax <th>0</th> <th>Hull C.</th> <th>0</th>	0	Hull C.	0
New Brighton <th>0</th> <th>Darlington</th> <th>0</th>	0	Darlington	0
Rochdale <th>0</th> <th>Tranmere</th> <th>0</th>	0	Tranmere	0
Wrexham <th>0</th> <th>Chester</th> <th>0</th>	0	Chester	0
Bradford C. <th>0</th> <th>Lincoln C.</th> <th>0</th>	0	Lincoln C.	0

Third Division South

Bristol R.	3	Swindon	0
Exeter C. <th>0</th> <th>Exeter C.</th> <th>0</th>	0	Exeter C.	0
Leiston <th>0</th> <th>Norwich</th> <th>0</th>	0	Norwich	0

The following matches were postponed:

Ipswich	0	Notts C.	0
Mansfield <th>0</th> <th>Bristol C.</th> <th>0</th>	0	Bristol C.	0
Q's Pk R. <th>0</th> <th>Cardiff C.</th> <th>0</th>	0	Cardiff C.	0
Reading <th>0</th> <th>Brighton</th> <th>0</th>	0	Brighton	0
Southend <th>0</th> <th>Bournemouth</th> <th>0</th>	0	Bournemouth	0
Torquay U. <th>0</th> <th>Peter Vale</th> <th>0</th>	0	Peter Vale	0
Walsall <th>0</th> <th>Aldershot</th> <th>0</th>	0	Aldershot	0
Watford <th>0</th> <th>Northampton</th> <th>0</th>	0	Northampton	0

Scottish "A" Division

Celtic	2	St. Mirren	1
Partick <th>0</th> <th>Kilmarnock</th> <th>0</th>	0	Kilmarnock	0

(postponed).

Scottish "B" Division

Alloa	0	Airdrie	0
Alloa <th>0</th> <th>Airdrie</th> <th>0</th>	0	Airdrie	0

(postponed—ground frozen).

Scottish Cup

Aberdeen	1	Morton	1
Arbroath <th>5</th> <th>Raith</th> <th>4</th>	5	Raith	4
Dumbarton <th>2</th> <th>Third Lan.</th> <th>0</th>	2	Third Lan.	0
Dundee <th>3</th> <th>Albion</th> <th>0</th>	3	Albion	0
East Fife <th>0</th> <th>Queen's P.</th> <th>0</th>	0	Queen's P.	0
Falkirk <th>0</th> <th>M'vick</th> <th>0</th>	0	M'vick	0
Rangers <th>0</th> <th>Gilberton</th> <th>0</th>	0	Gilberton	0
Hearts <th>0</th> <th>Cowden</th> <th>0</th>	0	Cowden	0

(postponed).

Irish Cup

Ballymena U.	0	Cliftonville	0
Ballymena U. <th>0</th> <th>Cliftonville</th> <th>0</th>	0	Cliftonville	0

(postponed).

SECOND ROUND

Glantraff	1	Distillery	0
Liffield	3	Derry City	0

—Reuter.

Low Scores In Friendly Cricket

Club de Reccrejo had Royal Navy all out for 83 in a cricket match played at King's Park yesterday, but came short of that total themselves to lose by 20 runs.

A. M. Pratt took five of Navy's wickets for two runs, and Bodenham took seven of Reccrejo's for 27, just missing a hat trick in taking three wickets in four consecutive balls.

Navy

French, b. Perera	15
Wills, b. Perera <td>15</td>	15
Howard, b. Perera <td>25</td>	25
O'Brien, b. Perera <td>0</td>	0
Leach, c. Yvanovich, b. G.N. <td>0</td>	0
Gosano <td>0</td>	0
Roberts, c. Perera, b. Perera <td>0</td>	0
Gascoigne, b. Perera <td>0</td>	0
Garrod, b. Perera <td>0</td>	0
Goldman, b. Perera <td>0</td>	0
Grundy, not out <td>1</td>	1
Abel, c. L.R. Gosano, b. Perera <td>18</td>	18
Extras <td>18</td>	18
Total	63

BOWLING ANALYSIS

A.P. Perera	0	M.R. V.	0
L.G. Gosano <th>2</th> <th>1</th> <th>18</th>	2	1	18
G.N. Gosano <th>2</th> <th>0</th> <th>10</th>	2	0	10
A.M. Pratt <th>5</th> <th>1</th> <th>2</th>	5	1	2

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Exciting 7-a-Side Charity Rugger

(By "Scrum")
Yesterday afternoon some most enjoyable and exciting rugger was seen at the Club Ground, Happy Valley. "Seven-a-Sides" are usually occasions when one can see rugger at its best and yesterday afternoon was no exception. In the course of the 11 games which were played we saw some magnificent running by fast and determined threequarters, the most spectacular of whom was Martin playing for H.M.S. "Nabcatcher" v. 2nd Bufts.

He followed up very fast after a 25-yard drop out by his own side, picked up the ball cleanly and ran round the opposition to score without a hand being laid on him. This could only happen in Seven-a-Sides!

Some other excellent runs were made by Absalom, of 44 R.M. Cdo., Goble, of R.A.F. Maestran, of H.M.S. "Fort Sandusky," and Rabbitt of the Submarine Officers' team.

We also saw some startling dribbling, particularly by Taylor, of Talook, who made dribbling a rugger ball within a few feet of the touch line for 50 yards look quite simple. The tackling was excellent throughout the afternoon. Meffan, for the Club, and Lyon, for H.M.S. "Whitesand Bay," being outstanding. The latter made a very good job of marking England, his large and powerful opposite number in the Commando Brigade II. Q. team.

Neat
It was particularly good to see some neat reverse passing movements by H.M.S. "Tamar" threequarters movements which have seldom been seen this season.

There were no very surprising results. The strong 45 and 44 R.M. Commando teams got through into the second round, but 42 R.M. Commando went down to the R.A.F. by five points to six in the closest fought game of the afternoon.

Unlike some of the teams, both sides in this particular game concentrated on running, rather than kicking, which has to be accurate indeed to be useful in Seven-a-Sides.

Walsley and Dorward were the most prominent in the R.A.F. side which should certainly reach the final. H.M.S. "Whitesand Bay" put up a fine show against 3 Commando Brigade H.Q. and were the best losers of the afternoon.

H.M.S. "Tamar" fielded a side which played admirably together and won a surprisingly easy victory over the Police. H.M.S. "Tamar" also look like reaching the final.

Land Forces "A," who beat Wayfong, are the only Land Forces team left in and they are quite a promising team. Judging by yesterday's games, the second round of the tournament next Wednesday and the final rounds next Saturday should be very well worth seeing.

Results

First Round Results:
H.M.S. "Bermuda" beat Foresters "B" 8-0;
44 R.M. Commando beat Club 13-3;
R.A.F. beat 42 R.M. Commando 6-5;
Submarine Ratings beat Land Forces "C" 3-0;
45 R.M. Commando beat Talook 10-0;
H.M.S. "Fort Sandusky" beat H.M.S. "Adamant" 6-3;
3 Commando Brigade H.Q. beat H.M.S. "Whitesand Bay" 3-0;
H.M.S. "Tamar" beat Police 10-0;
Land Forces "A" beat Wayfong 7-0;
Submarine Officers beat Royal Engineers 11-0;
H.M.S. "Nabcatcher" beat 2nd Bufts 8-3.

Club de Reccrejo

L.R. Gosano, b. Abel	0
A. E. Neronha, c. French <td>0</td>	0
G.N. Gosano, c. Gascoigne, b. Bodenham <td>0</td>	0
A.P. Perera, c. O'Brien, b. Bodenham <td>14</td>	14
N.A. Beltrao, b. Abel <td>12</td>	12
A.M. Pratt, b. Bodenham <td>0</td>	0
J.L.S. Aires, c. O'Brien, b. Bodenham <td>9</td>	9
Extras <td>18</td>	18
Total	43

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